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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : 28 April Visit of [redacted]

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1. I met [redacted] per your request and below is a brief synopsis of our discussion.

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2. After I explained to Chuck that you were called away from the building unexpectedly, which he understood, he pointed out to me that it was very important that he get in touch with you. He said that he has been talking with General Smart and Mr. Shapley of NASA, as well as [redacted] of NSA and feels he should talk to you.

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3. After providing me with background [redacted] not realizing that I was aware of the set up, he pointed out that [redacted] consultants were very interested in continuing to support the intelligence community on a broad front as they have done in the past. He recalled the old days when he worked with Bud Wheelon and "helped GMAIC solve the Cuba problem." He mentioned an atomic energy matter which he had discussed with Don Chamberlain about five years ago in an effort to illustrate to me that they are interested in more than just space probes. In fact, he visited with Don Chamberlain after leaving my office.

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4. His primary concern was one of feeling that they are not part of the big picture. For example, he is aware that there is another data source to which he does not have access [redacted]. He said that he wanted to get three people cleared for or have access to that data; [redacted] and himself. I explained to him that while there was a new source of data, to date none of that data was in the area of his [redacted] interest, i.e., lunar and deep space probes. I also pointed out that I was quite confident that, should pertinent data become available, NASA and NSA would provide that data to their

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contractor. [redacted] is interested in having access to the data in order "to see if there is anything that they can contribute". He stressed they will support the community on a broad base. I pointed out to Chuck that the times have changed and we in the community are smarter than we were 8 to 10 years ago and that we think we can do the job better than we could at that time. While we still require outside analysis efforts and consultants, we tend to use them more selectively on particular problems rather than across the board.

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5. [redacted] said that he had recently prepared a letter that has been staffed through Dr. Pickering and is now at NASA Headquarters, hopefully awaiting Dr. Fletcher's signature. [redacted]

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I understand that [redacted] have drafted a similar letter encompassing a broader range of subjects of interest to NASA.

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7. [redacted] pointed out again that they are willing to provide support in any area and would like to have a continuing relationship with [redacted] and others. I pointed out that as far as we were concerned, there was no reason why they can't continue past relationships with [redacted]. I explained that the Air Force will have to speak for [redacted].

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8. [redacted] recalled that sometime ago he had tried to get Dr. Pickering and Admiral Clark briefed by the [redacted] people on the status of weapon systems, etc. and was told that we prefer to have that information presented by staff personnel. He then indicated to me

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that Dr. Pickering liked to get his information from "the engineers" so it would be objective and not be filtered through Headquarters. As you might expect, I challenged him on this statement and explained how our operation works and that hopefully we are objective and do not filter objective work.

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9. [] said that the flow of information [] is not as good as it had been when [] working at Headquarters. I pointed out that there was no reason from our standpoint that [] could not have any information that was pertinent to their contract as long as it were properly classified. I told Chuck that I considered the problem of providing the contract personnel with the necessary data base was a job that belonged to [] the NASA contract monitor, rather than any of our people. Chuck agreed and was going to look into this through the NASA channels.

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10. [] main concern, which surfaced throughout our discussion was one of not having access to the big picture and one of feeling that they are no longer wanted as they had been in earlier years.

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